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SUBJECT: EMBASSY INTEREST IN VAROSHA/SCHAUFLE MATTERS

1. GREEK EMBASSY FIRST SECRETARY CALLED ON EUR/SE ON INSTRUCTION JULY 25 TO INDICATE GREEK GOVERNMENT SUPPORT FOR RECENT GREEK CYPRIOT DEMARCHES ON SUBJECT OF VAROSHA. EMBOFF STATED THAT GOG AGREES WITH CYPRUS GOVERNMENT THAT RECENT STATEMENTS BY ECEVIT AND GUNES COULD JEOPARDIZE OR EVEN HALT SEARCH FOR NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT. HE NOTED THAT THE CYPRUS GOVERNMENT HAD BEEN ENCOURAGED TO MAKE CONCESSIONS BY CLARK CLIFFORD, AND THEREFORE THE USG, IN THE VIEW OF THE GOG, BORE INCREASED RESPONSIBILITY IN PREVENTING THE TURKS FROM TAKING ANY ACTION REGARDING VAROSHA. DEPTOFF ACKNOWLEDGED THAT DEMARCHE BY GOC HAD BEEN RECEIVED IN NICOSIA AND WASHINGTON AND THAT WE HAD
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EXPRESSED TO GOT OUR CONCERN OVER THE STATEMENTS ON VAROSHA (STATE 171133).

2. GREEK EMBOFF ALSO RAISED SCHAUFLE MATTER, INDICATING THAT HIS GOVERNMENT HAD BEEN MOTIVATED SOLELY BY THE DESIRE TO PRESERVE AND STRENGTHEN THE PROGRESS MADE OVER THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS IN IMPROVING US-GREEK RELATIONS. HE

THEN CITED A RECENT TURKISH PRESS ARTICLE (HURRIYET)
INTERPRETING THE SCHAUFEELE STATEMENT AS REPRESENTING AN

INSINUATION THAT THE GREEK ISLANDS SHOULD BE GIVEN TO TUR-
KEY. IT WAS THIS POTENTIAL FOR EXPLOITATION BY THE TURKS
WHICH HAD CAUSED SUCH ALARM WITHIN THE GREEK GOVERNMENT.
DEPTOFF SAID WE COULD NOT AGREE THAT GOG ACTIONS IN HAND-
LING THE SCHAUFEELE MATTER WERE JUSTIFIED OR WARRANTED. VANCE

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